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WELCOME HOME—VAdm. Frederick L. Ashworth (right), Deputy Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, welcomes home RAdm. Harvey P. Lanham, Commander, Carrier Division Two, aboard the carrier USS Forrestal. The carrier, damaged by a fire in the Gulf of Tonkin off Vietnam in which 134 crew members were killed, arrived in Norfolk, Va., Sept. 14 for repairs.

Oct. 1 Effective Date Sought For 5.6% Military Pay Raise

Congress has been asked to make the 5.6 percent increase in military base pay effective Oct. 1, as was requested by President Johnson in his April message on all Federal pay.

The request was made Sept. 19 before the House Armed Services Committee by Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris.

Base pay increases for all pay grades, E-1 through 0-10, make up about 74 percent of the total raise.

The stress was placed on base pay because it affects all personnel, while increasing allowances would benefit only those who are furnished quarters and subsistence.

DOD also favored base pay increases because they increase future military retirement income, thereby offering long-term value and incentive to the career force.

Since quarters and subsistence allowances, etc., are considered part of military pay, a 5.6 percent raise for military personnel is necessary to equal the President's call for a 4.5 percent raise for civilian employees.

The legislation would also authorize "continuation pay" for selected physicians in the armed forces who agree to serve beyond obligated service.

SecDef Announces U.S. Plans For 'Light' ABM System

The United States plans to begin production by the end of this year of a Chinese-oriented anti-ballistic missile deployment that has a number of advantages besides defense against a possible missile attack on this country by Communist China.

Disclosure of "light deployment of U.S." anti-ballistic missiles was made Sept. 18 by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara before an United Press International Editors and Publishers meeting in San Francisco.

Secretary McNamara said light deployment of ABMs "would have a much higher degree of reliability against a Chinese attack, than the much more massive and complicated system that some have recommended against a possible Soviet attack."

Preliminary estimates place the cost of this deployment at about $5 billion over a five to six year period.

Such an ABM deployment, the secretary noted, "would provide an additional indication to Asians that we intend to deter China from nuclear blackmail, and thus would contribute toward our goal of discouraging nuclear weapon proliferation among the present non-nuclear countries."

The Chinese-oriented ABM, so named because of its primary purpose, would also provide the U.S. with further defense of Minuteman ICBM sites against Soviet attack.

Additionally, Secretary McNamara pointed out that "such a reasonably reliable ABM system would add protection of our population against the improbable but possible accidental launch of an intercontinental missile by any one of the nuclear powers."

He noted the Soviets are now deploying an anti-ballistic missile system; however, the system does not presently affect in any significant manner the United States' assured destruction capability.

He explained the United States has already taken the steps necessary to assure that this country's land-based Minuteman missiles, nuclear submarine-launched new Poseidon missiles, and the strategic bomber forces have the requisite penetration aids. He added that the missiles and bombers constitute a force of such magnitude, "that they guarantee us a force strong enough to survive a Soviet attack and penetrate the Soviet ABM deployment."

The United States has had both the technical possibility and strategic desirability of an American ABM deployment under constant review since the late 1950s.

Washington Memos

NAVAL SHIPS SYSTEMS Command's Cost Reduction Program has resulted in savings of more than $81 million during fiscal year 1967. Figure is $9.6 million more than the $72.2 million goal set. Command's headquarters accounted for more than $44 million of the savings, followed by shipyards with more than $22 million saved and supervisor and shipbuilding offices and field activities saving about $15 million.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE Meritorious Civilian Service Medal has been presented to Dr. Harold Wool, Director of Procurement Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower). Dr. Wool is recognized "as a national authority on military manpower procurement."

ARMY ENGINEERS REPORT conventional high explosive cratering experiments are not a complete substitute for nuclear cratering experiments. Conventional explosives were used at Ft. Peck, Mont., in a test to dig a ditch 640 feet long, with an average depth of 50 feet and a width of 200 feet. (This information supersedes material that had appeared in the Sept. 13 issue of Commanders Digest.)

AIR FORCE COMPTROLLER, magazine intended to keep comptroller personnel current on developments within their area, is scheduled to be distributed this month. The initial issue carries an editorial, "Go to the Flight Line," by Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell.

A CURTISS P-40 monument was dedicated at Gunter AFB, Ala., in tribute to original "Flying Tigers" of World War II fame. Tomahawk version of P-40 is in front of 14th AF headquarters building, home of modern-day Flying Tigers.

FORRESTAL MEMORIAL trust fund has been established by officers and men of Atlantic Fleet's aircraft carrier USS Forrestal to provide educational aid to children of victims of carrier's disastrous fire off Vietnam July 29. More than $15,000 has already been donated by carrier's crew. Outside donations can be mailed to Forrestal Memorial Trust, P.O. Box 3000, Norfolk, Va., 23514.

ARMY LT. GEN. Harry W. O. Kinnard has accepted Presidential Unit Citation from President Johnson for 1st Cavalry Division. Gen. Kinnard was commander of division when it was cited for action in Vietnam during battle with enemy forces Oct. 23-Nov. 26, 1965.

MAJ. GEN. GORDON M. Graham has taken command of Tactical Air Command's Ninth Air Force at Shaw AFB, S.C. Gen. Graham relieved Maj. Gen. L. F. Tanberg, who will remain with Ninth Air Force as Vice Commander. Gen. Graham came to Ninth Air Force from Vietnam where he served as Vice Commander, Seventh Air Force.

FORMER "GROUP" level command within 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing was recommissioned Sept. 1, at MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C. Marine Wing Headquarters Group-2 was reactivated two years after it was decommissioned and replaced by Marine Air Control Group-2.

AIR FORCE has prepared an information booklet, "A Special Report for Youth," designed to educate youngsters to role of Air Force in overall defense of U.S. Booklet is being made available to individuals or groups from Air Force base information offices.

TOP AIR FORCE military and civilian personnel and industrial representatives met in Boston Sept. 21 and 22 for third annual Air Force-Industry Cost Reduction Awards Ceremony and Workshop. Speakers included Leonard Marks Jr., Assistant Secretary of Air Force for Financial Management, and Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity, Commander, Air Force Logistics Command.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNING war correspondent Jim Lucas will be main speaker at the awards dinner of this year's Armed Forces Chess Tournament in Washington, D.C. Gen. David M. Shoup, retired Commandant of the Marine Corps and honorary chairman of the American Chess Foundation, will present the championship awards. Master of ceremonies will be Dr. Carl F. Hawver, president of the D.C. Chapter, Public Relations Society of America.

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND is seeking new training device which would increase flight safety by teaching pilots of high performance aircraft ways to combat vertigo under simulated flight conditions. Proposed ground trainer would be second generation centrifuge device which demonstrates effect of vertigo. Existing equipment, however, does not allow control of simulated flight.

AN ALL-METAL PAYLOAD shroud which separates in three sections will be used when an Air Force Titan III vehicle launches a communications satellite into orbit in fall, 1968. Shroud will be made up of three fairings which will protect sensitive instrumentation of scientific payloads in earth's atmosphere and fall away once free of atmosphere. New shroud will be developed and produced by Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, Calif., under $2.6 million contract to Air Force System Command's Space and Missile Systems Organization in Los Angeles.

ARMY'S TANK AUTOMOTIVE Command, Warren, Mich., has awarded a $5.4 million modification to a previously awarded contract for five-ton truck engines to Continental Motors Corp., Muskegon, Mich.

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Background for Commanders

SIKKIM AND THE SINO-INDIAN CONFLICT

Recent border fighting between Chinese and Indian troops in the fog-shrouded, 14,200-foot-high Nathu La (Pass) between Sikkim and Communist-held Tibet has focused world attention once again on Sino-Indian military and political affairs. Presented below are facts concerning Red China's aggressive relationship with India, emphasizing significant developments since China's massive invasion of Indian territory in 1962.

India has long regarded the Himalayas as an impregnable natural frontier. With the advent of modern methods of warfare and the Chinese conquest of Tibet in 1950, however, the Indian Government began to tighten up its northern frontier by attempting to strengthen its relations with the three border states of Nepal, Bhutan, and Sikkim. These three border states, along with Ladakh, were described by China as "the four teeth with which the Chinese will grind their way to the Southern Sea."

Kingdom of Sikkim

Sikkim, a kingdom ruled by its own Maharaja, is by treaty a protectorate of India. The Maharaja manages Sikkim's internal affairs, but his country's external relations are conducted "solely" by India. India has also been given full right to "take such measures as it considers necessary for the defense of Sikkim."

Red China's Record of Aggression

The massive Chinese invasion of India in 1962 marked a turning point in the history of India's relations with Communist China and the rest of the world. For the first time, according to then Prime Minister Nehru, India came to "realize the real intentions of China," and denounced the "treacherous" acts of Peking.

China launched full-scale attacks on India on two fronts, in Ladakh and in the North East Frontier Agency, on October 20, 1962, and quickly seized much of the border territory China had earlier claimed, especially in the western sector. Shocked, the Indian Government and its people reacted vigorously. Prime Minister Nehru sent an urgent request to the United States and the United Kingdom for military aid. Both responded quickly. After a month's fighting in which Chinese forces made deep penetrations into Indian territory, the Chinese proclaimed a cease-fire and generally withdrew to positions held prior to the attack. A demilitarized zone was subsequently established.

Five Years of Border Turmoil

Since 1962, numerous other cases of Chinese incursion into and violation of border areas of the North East Frontier Agency, Sikkim, Bhutan, and Ladakh have been reported by the Indian Government.

The Government of India has made it clear to China that **"the boundary between Sikkim and Tibet is well defined and clearly recognized, and there could be no misunderstanding at all as to where the border lies. . . . The Indian Government is compelled to look on these frequent intrusions as nothing but projections of China's aggressive moves and designs against India. The Indian Government calls on the Chinese Government to refrain from such aggressive and provocative activities along the Tibet-Sikkim boundary."**

U.S. policy toward India and other free nations of South Asia is based on our desire to see these nations remain independent of foreign domination so that they can work out the economic and political institutions which can best satisfy their own aspirations. We seek to strengthen the traditionally cordial relations which have existed between our governments and to promote mutual understanding between our peoples.

STRICOM, Turkish Units Conduct Joint Exercise

A U.S. STRIKE Command joint task force and Turkish military units will conduct a field training exercise Oct. 2-8 in north central Turkey.

The exercise, called Deep Furrow 67, will involve paratroop units and air forces from both countries, and the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

The units will be under the operational command of NATO's Allied Forces Southern Europe, with Col. James G. Owens, USA, heading the joint task force.

The paratroopers will support an airborne operation conducted by elements from the NATO Southern Europe Area, and the Sixth Fleet, in its NATO role of STRIKE Force South, will hold amphibious operations in the Aegean Sea.

U.S. Army troops in the exercise will come from units in Europe. The Air Force will provide troop and cargo aircraft from the Military Airlift Command, aerial tankers from SAC and tactical fighter aircraft from the Colorado Air National Guard.

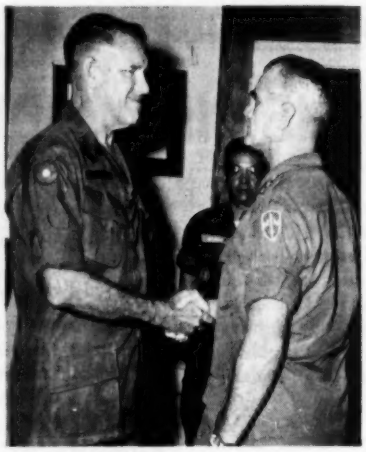
Other units will be the 64th Tactical Airlift Wing from Stewart AFB, Tenn., an Air Force headquarters from TAC's 19th Air Force, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., and an Airmobile Combat Communication Unit from STRIKE Command's support element at MacDill, AFB, Fla.

New NATO Command Formed in Naples

A new NATO command, Submarine Mediterranean (SUBMED), has been formed in Naples.

The command, set up primarily as a focal point for underseas force planning in the Mediterranean, will be subordinate to Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe.

SUBMED's commander, Capt. Oliver H. Perry Jr., USN, said the command will improve coordination and strengthen training and joint planning for submarine forces.



CONGRATULATIONS — Maj. Gen. George S. Eckhardt, (left), Deputy CG, II Field Force Vietnam, is congratulated by Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Commander, U.S. Forces, Vietnam, on his award of the Distinguished Service Medal. Gen. Eckhardt was honored for his achievements as CG, 9th Infantry Div.

AF Begins Consolidation Of Military Payrolls

Air Force plans to get a head start on JUMPS centralized pay system for the 1970s by turning over the Lajes Field, Azores, military payroll to Dover AFB, Del., and the Ramey AFB, P.R., payroll, to Charleston AFB, S.C., in January.

JUMPS stands for Joint Uniform Military Pay System, the Department of Defense plan for the services to computerize pay records and mail pay checks from one pay center.

Under the plan, Air Force pay will eventually be handled by its accounting and finance center at Denver, Colo.

The responsibilities Dover and Charleston will pick up next year are follow-up actions to earlier consolidations. Charleston has been handling the USAF Bermuda payroll since July, Norton AFB, Calif., has been serving Lookout Mountain, March and Vandenburg AFBs, and soon will pick up Edwards and George AFBs, Calif., and Nellis AFB, Nev.

Navy Activates Powerful Communications Station On Australia's NW Cape

The world's second most powerful communications station has been put into operation by Navy on Australia's North West Cape.

The 28-square-mile installation will broadcast messages to fleet units in Southeast Asia waters and the Indian Ocean. The station can also communicate with submerged submarines by Very Low Frequency (VLF) radio signals.

The station was seven years in planning and building and is second only to the communications station in Cutler, Maine, which is also operated by Navy.

It will be manned by 400 American military and civilian personnel and 350 Australians, under the command of U.S. Navy Capt. Robert Friedman.

A town, Exmouth, complete with homes, shops, schools and parks, was built by the Australian government near the installation to house the families of the workers.

Army Nurse Wins Award In Writers' Contest

An Army nurse, Capt. Jerry A. Matthiesen, has won an Award of Merit, Second Place, in the McGaw Writers' Contest held by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

His paper, "Intravenous Regional Anesthesia by the Nurse Anesthetist" was one of three awarded prizes.

AANA has a membership of more than 13,500 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who are eligible to submit papers.

The award to Capt. Matthiesen was accepted by Col. Ruth P. Satterfield, ANC, Walter Reed General Hospital.

Capt. Matthiesen is now a student in the Career Course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

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